

ITEM 7-A

HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA REPORT

DATE: October 4, 2012

TO: HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD

FROM: Andrew Thomas
Planning Services Manager

Re. Status Report on Historic Alameda High School Temporary
Structure and Egress Mitigation Report

Background:

At the last regularly scheduled Historic Advisory Board meeting the Board requested an update on the work being completed at the Historic Alameda High School. After the meeting, staff contacted the Alameda Unified School District and requested that the District attend the September meeting of the Historic Advisory Board to provide an update. The District agreed to send a representative to describe the ongoing work at the High School, and the District provided the attached report for the Historic Advisory Board's consideration. (See Attachment 1)

Analysis

The Alameda High School is a City Monument. The site was designated as a City Monument in 1977 by the City Council with the Alameda Theatre and the Alameda City Hall. (See Attachment 2) Although the City designated the site as a City Monument, the School District is not subject to regulations of the Alameda Municipal Code sections related to Historic Monuments, Zoning Regulations, or even the Alameda Building Code. The School District is not required to apply for or receive planning permits, building permits, or Certificates of Approval for work on their buildings. In addition, there is no evidence that the School District ceded any of its independent responsibilities to the City when the City designated the building a monument in 1977.

Recommendation:

Given that the District is governed by the by the School Board, if the Historic Advisory Board wishes to comment on the current and future plans for the Alameda High School, staff recommends that any such recommendations be addressed to the City of Alameda School Board and/or its representatives. Staff is available to assist in the transmittal of any comments that the Historic Advisory Board would like to pass along to the School Board.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

ANDREW THOMAS
PLANNING SERVICES MANAGER

Attachments:

1. AUSD District Report
2. Monument Designation